

to govern themselves and that if the largest minorities are given the privilege of selecting their own officials, the people there will give attention to the political affairs. It will be wrong to give local self-government to a section of the State, to a province or a part of the State, then it would seem that the entire theory of our government is wrong. If the people of those states did not take enough interest in public affairs, so to require a government to do so when they sought not to do so, would be outside. Local self-government would compel them, in some way, to attend to the public business.